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# CALIFORNIA COMEBACK PLAN

## SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

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- **Additional \$1,000 in Golden State Stimulus checks for undocumented families**
  - **Healthcare coverage for undocumented Californians 50+, Universal Pre-K, and 200,000 subsidized child care slots**
  - **\$45 million to support newly arrived youth and families, additional funding for immigrant students and entrepreneurs as well as additional support for immigration services, DACA and naturalization**
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California's recovery is underway, with the state reopened after achieving the most vaccinations in the entire country, and now we're [leading the nation's economic recovery](#). But we still have a long way to go and can't be satisfied with just returning to the way things were. **Governor Newsom's \$100 billion California Comeback Plan is the comprehensive strategy needed to address the state's most persistent challenges and ensure California comes back from this pandemic stronger than before.**

California is a greater and more vibrant place because of our immigrant communities. Our recovery requires targeted investments, with an eye to reducing racial and ethnic disparities, so families can thrive for years to come.

Governor Newsom's plan makes historic investments regardless of immigration status, offering an additional **\$1,000 in stimulus checks to undocumented families** through the expanded Golden State Stimulus, the largest renter assistance in the country with **\$5.2 billion to help low-income renters cover their back-rent and their rent for several months into the future, and \$2 billion to help Californians pay past-due utility bills.**

The California Comeback Plan also proposes a **first-in-the-nation expansion of Medi-Cal to undocumented Californians over 50 years old**, providing critical health care services.

In addition to these targeted intervention strategies, the California Comeback Plan has one overarching goal – hit fast forward on our state's recovery by directly confronting California's most pressing challenges:

- **Providing Immediate Relief for Those Hardest Hit by COVID-19**
- **Confronting the Homelessness & Housing Affordability Crisis**
- **Transforming Public Schools as Gateways for Opportunity**
- **Building Infrastructure for the Next Century**
- **Combating Wildfires & Tackling Climate Change**

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## KEY ACTIONS TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANT CALIFORNIANS:

### PROVIDING DIRECT & INCLUSIVE RELIEF TO UNDOCUMENTED CALIFORNIANS

- **An additional \$1,000 in direct payment to undocumented tax filing families** through the expanded Golden State Stimulus.
- **Largest statewide renter assistance program in the country, and support for overdue utility bills.** \$5.2 billion to help low-income renters cover 100% of back rent in the largest statewide renter assistance program in the country, plus \$2 billion to cover past-due utility bills.

### EXPANDING ACCESS TO CHILD CARE & PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- **200,000 subsidized child care slots** by 2025-26 should the state's economic conditions support it including expansion of migrant child care.
- **Waive family fees** for subsidized child care and preschool July 2021 through June 2022
- **\$2.7 billion for universal Transitional Kindergarten**, free for all 4-year-olds by 2025.

### BOLSTERING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RESILIENCE

- **\$2.4 billion over three years for immediate drought response and long-term water resilience.**
- **\$105.2 million to the California Department of Social Services Rapid Response Fund** for humanitarian assistance at the southern California border and for emergency responses, including wildfires and drought.
- **Creates an Office of Equity at CalOES and provides \$25 million ongoing funding for the *Listos* grant program** to strengthen connections between vulnerable Californians and the emergency response network before, during and after a disaster.

### SUPPORTING NEWLY ARRIVED YOUTH & FAMILIES

- **\$25 million for services to unaccompanied youth and children** in support of the safety and well-being of families, especially newcomer youth as they settle and integrate into California communities.
- **\$20 million commitment from philanthropic partners for a *California Dignity for Families Fund (CFFD)*** that will support efforts in the border region and in destination communities across the state.

### ADVANCING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- **Expand Medi-Cal to all eligible Californians 50 years and over**, regardless of immigration status.
- **Five-year Medi-Cal eligibility extension for postpartum women**, including undocumented Californians.
- **Allows community health workers to provide benefits and services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.**
- **Phases in the elimination of the Medi-Cal asset test for older adults and persons with disabilities.**

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- **\$4.3 billion over five years to transform the youth behavioral health system (ages 0-25)** to identify and treat behavioral health needs early, including trauma, depression, anxiety, psychological disorders and substance use.
- **\$291.3 million ongoing to increase grants for the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)**, as well as SSP and California Veterans Cash Benefits.
- **\$5 million in 2021-22 to expand state funded nutrition assistance (CA Food Assistance Program) to eligible Californians, regardless of immigration status.** Expansion is subject to future appropriations.
- **Building and maintaining farmworker housing.** \$136 million for the development, maintenance, and preservation of farmworker housing, including \$36 million to make critical repairs to the state's Office of Migrant Service Centers.

## REMOVING BARRIERS TO PUBLIC PROGRAMS & BENEFITS

- **\$20 million to improve and deliver language access services across the spectrum of Health and Human Services (HHS) programs.**
- **\$151.1 million (\$53.3 million General Fund) in 2021-22 for the extension of telehealth flexibilities allowed during the federal public health emergency—including payment parity for audio-only modalities—through December 2022, and coverage of remote patient monitoring.**
- **\$21 million over two years to improve EDD's education and outreach in communities requiring multilingual access** by:
  - Dedicating resources to translation services to create a multilingual access portal to EDD's website and translate forms and notices
  - Establishing a multilingual access unit and expanding existing interpretive services
  - Providing grants to community-based organizations for outreach and education to limited English proficient communities.

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS

- **\$1.9 billion to set up college savings accounts of up to \$1,500 for every vulnerable student,** with \$170 million in ongoing funds to set up accounts for all vulnerable students when they enter first grade.
- **\$1.8 billion in ongoing funds for summer and after-school programs,** growing to \$5 billion by 2025, starting with schools serving the highest concentrations of vulnerable students.
- **\$2.9 billion to match well-prepared teachers with the most vulnerable students,** including \$500 million in grants for teachers who commit to high-need schools and \$250 million to attract expert teachers to high-poverty schools.
- **\$1.1 billion in ongoing funds to improve staff-to-student ratios** at all schools serving the highest concentrations of vulnerable students, including up to five additional counselors, nurses, teachers or paraeducators at each school.
- **Universal school nutrition, providing access to two free meals to all students,** at an estimated ongoing cost of \$650 million in ongoing funds and \$150 million in one-time funds to upgrade kitchens and train staff on nutritional services.

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- **\$439 million for an equity-focused matching grant to improve public libraries**, supplementing opportunities for learning, enrichment, and social connection.
- **\$35M to expand broadband access to isolated and under-served communities** through a collaborative partnership of local education agencies, regional libraries, and telehealth providers and leverage available federal funds.
- **\$10 million for the Dual Language Immersion Grant Program** to expand access to quality dual language learning and foster languages that English learners bring to California's education system.
- **Requiring high schools to certify that seniors complete the FAFSA or CADAA application**, thereby expanding access to federal and state financial aid.
- **\$146M to create the Californians For All College Service Program**, providing 6,250 part-time service opportunities for college students. Participants will receive a stipend of up to \$7,000 and a scholarship of up to \$3,000. Part of this funding will go through the **Dreamer Service Incentive Grant program**.
- **\$41 million to increase support for equity-focused programs at the CCCs**, including Umoja, MESA, Puente, EOPs, and transfer pathways to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
- **An increase of \$5.8 million to further support Dreamer Resource Liaisons** and student support services, for immigrant students including undocumented students in community colleges.

## PROMOTING INCLUSION & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- **\$35 million for the California Dream Fund to seed entrepreneurship and small business creation** in underserved small business groups that are facing opportunity gaps, including communities of color, immigrant Californians and Californians that speak limited English.
- **\$50 million for the California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program** to assist qualified micro-businesses, including sidewalk vendors, that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Eligible microbusiness will receive grants of \$2,500 each, which will be administered by counties or community-based organizations on behalf of counties.
- **\$25 million to pay immigration filing fees** for Californians applying for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or naturalization.
- **\$30 million, one-time augmentation, for pro bono immigration services** in addition to existing ongoing state funding of services.
- **\$8 million to fund case management support** for asylees and other vulnerable non-citizens.
- **\$15 million to expand ESL services** and programming at local libraries.
- **\$100 million for High Road Training Partnerships (HRTPs)**. Many of these programs will target those industries hit hardest by COVID-19, such as hospitality and property services. Other partnerships will target industries in transition, such as advanced manufacturing, or those critical to the state's other policy efforts, such as health care, trade, transportation and logistics.
- **\$30 million for the Breaking Barriers to Employment Program** to ensure the success of individuals either preparing to enter or already enrolled in workforce and education programs.
- **\$20 million for the Social Entrepreneurs for Economic Development (SEED) program** to support the entrepreneurship of immigrants and limited English proficient (LEP) individuals who face significant employment barriers.

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## BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES

- **\$100 million to expand Victims of Crime Act services** over multiple years for survivors of violence, specifically aiding those affected by domestic violence.
- **\$200 million to invest in community-based responses to** expand the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) program.
- **\$110 million for a multi-year grant program to support services for victims and survivors of hate crimes and their families** and facilitate hate crime prevention measures in consultation with the Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs.
- **\$10 million for ethnic media outreach grants via the California State Library**, in consultation with the Commission on Asian Pacific Islander American Affairs, to support public awareness efforts of services for victims and survivors of hate crimes and their families.
- **\$10 million for the Asian American Studies Department at San Francisco State University** to support efforts related to stopping AAPI hate.
- **\$10 million the Anti Bias Education Grant Program** to prevent, address, and eliminate racism and bias in all California public schools, and make all public schools inclusive and supportive of all people.
- **\$5 million to support a peer social media network project** for children and youth, with an emphasis on K-12 students who have experienced bullying, or who are at risk of bullying, based on race, ethnicity, language, or country of origin, or perceived race, ethnicity, or county of origin.